2. *STD PCO Location*

While selecting the location for allotment of PCO, the SSA Head will consult the local bodies like Municipality, Public Institutions etc. to allocate convenient places for the PCO Booths. The important places given below should invariably be covered while selecting the location of PCO booths:

— Commercial Housing Societies.

— Resettlement Colonies.

— Government Colonies.

— Family Quarters of Defence Personnel.

— Students' Hostels.

— Bus Stands.

— Tourist Centres.

— Airports.

— Pilgrim Centres.

— Railway Stations.

— Charitable Institutions.

— Hospitals.

— Educational Institutions, Public Libraries etc.

4. A minimum guaranteed revenue per PCO per month to the Department in the case of Non-rural (Urban) STD PCOs is fixed as Rs. 1600/-

5. The amount of security deposit will be Rs. 5,000/- or an amount equal to the average monthly revenue whichever is higher. The average monthly revenue will be calculated on the basis of previous six months revenue.

6. Fortnightly billnig cycle will be followed for recovery of STD PCO charges. If the charges are heavy, weekly billing may be restorted to by local telecom. authority.

Ban on recruitment in post offices

2580. SHRI BRAHMADEO ANAND PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:..

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been any recruitment ban in the operative side of post offices also; and

(b) if so, since when and what is the position now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) and (b) Sir. In January, 1984 it was decided that no posts should bs created|no vacancies where recruitment action had not been taken, should be filled up for a specified period. However, exception was made in the case of most exceptional circumstances. Subsequently, the said order was relaxed in 1986 with the direction that recruitment may be made gainst vacancies arising due resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation. However, this should be done subject to abolition of posts found to be surplus as a result of review and pending such review posts should not be created filled up. Procedure for creation of posts was changed and the education of posts involved inter-Ministerial consultations.

Waiting list for telephone connections in Central and South Delhi

2581. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 798 given in the Rajya Sabha on the Ist March, 1994 and state:

(a) the date of registration for new telephone connections up to which wating list has been cleared so far categorywise and exchangewise; in

the Central and South Delhi and also breakup of the waiting list position thereof;

(b) the date of registration number which are likely to be covered by the end of April, 1994, category-wise and exchange-wise; and

(c) by when all the registrants who are in the waiting list as on date, would be covered, category-wise and exchange-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Details are given at Annexure (*See* Appendix 170, Annexure No. 55)

(c) 8th five year Plan envisages waiting period inlarge telephone system not to exceed two years. Tentative Plans have been drawn to provide new 4 lakhs telephone connections in Delhi during 94-95 so as to make OYT and spl. Category current in 1994 and easy availability of telephone applied under general category in 1995. This is, however, subject to availability of financial and other resources.

Post and Telegraph Offices in Madhya Pradesh

2582. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Madhya Pradesh without Post and Telegraph Offices by the end of 1992-93 and as on date;

(b) the district-wise number of villages in the State having Post and Telegraph Offices category-wise;

(c) the district-wise number of villages without Post and Telegraph Offices at present by the end of 1992-93; and

(d) the district-wise and category-wise number of Post and Telegraph Offices proposed to be opened during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) There were 66,431 villages without post offices and 57,312 villages without telegraph offices in Madhya Pradesh by the end of 1992-93. As on 31.1.94, this position was 66,407 villages and 56,710 villages respectively. The district-wise details in this respect are given at Statement I and II. (*See below*)

(b) District-wise and category-wise details of villages with post and telegraph offices are given at Statement I and II. (*See below*)

(d) Details in respect of telegraph offices are given at Statement II. (*See* below) Details of post offices to be opened are finalised annually subject to fulfilment of departmental norms, availability of funds and allotment of target. They are yet to be finalised.